

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 6/1/06 and the tele. int. of 8/2/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 23,24,26-29,31 and 32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>8/2/06</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary Bush on August 2, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract:

line 7, inserted --moved-- following "be"

In the claims:

claim 23,

line 11, inserted --away-- following "transversely" and inserted --and said first side wall-- following "wall"

line 19, inserted --away-- following "transversely" and inserted --first and-- following "said"

line 30, changed "between" to --along--

claim 24,

line 2, inserted --each-- following "structure"

line 4, inserted --each-- following "structure"

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claim 27,

line 4, changed "therefrom" to --from said second side wall of said first window track strip--

line 7, changed "therefrom" to --from said second side wall of said second window track strip--

claim 29,

line 2, changed "extending" to --having an opening facing--

claim 31,

line 5, changed "receiving" to --for receiving therein-- and deleted "member"

line 9, changed "receiving" to --for receiving therein--

line 12, changed "extending transversely from said lower window track strip" to --member extending transversely away from vertical side members of said downward-facing edge-receiving receptacle--

line 14, inserted --member-- following "structure" and changed "resilient member" to --upper surface--

line 15, inserted --member-- following "structure" and changed "resilient member" to --downward-facing edge-receiving receptacle--

claim 32,

line 5, changed "first and second" to --third and fourth--

line 7, changed "first" to --third--

line 10, changed "second" to --fourth--

Drawings

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

In figure 1, change the shading for the resilient member 82 to indicate that the resilient member comprises a resilient material in accordance with MPEP 608.02.

In figure 4, change the shading for the resilient member 82 to indicate that the resilient member comprises a resilient material in accordance with MPEP 608.02.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, absent applicant's own disclosure, fails to teach the entire combination of elements set forth in the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach a resilient member connected to and substantially covering the entire surface of the transverse wall of the second window track strip that faces the fourth direction. See lines 23-24 of claim 23. Additionally, the prior art of record fails to teach a resilient

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member connected to and substantially covering the entire upper surfaces of the downward facing edge receiving receptacle of the lower track strip. See lines 10-11 of claim 31. Although resilient members are known in the art, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have any motivation, absent applicant's disclosure, to provide the claimed window track assembly with a resilient member.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 571-272-6836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Strimbu", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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August 2, 2006